

2015 Pollution Prevention Week

P2 Week Agenda at 290 Broadway - September 21st – 25th

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Tuesday (9/22)

- 9:55 AM – 10:00 AM – Opening Remarks by John Filippelli, Division Director of the Clean Air and Sustainability Division at US EPA Region 2
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Patricia Donohue, New York State Pollution Prevention Institute
 - Topic: **Using E3 to Incorporate Sustainability and Green Technologies in Tonawanda, NY**
 - Description: NYSP2I used E3 to help 4 manufacturers go green. The Economy, Energy, and Environment (E3) is a collaboration of government, industry and non-profits to meet the needs of the community.
- 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM – Kate Winnebeck, New York State Pollution Prevention Institute
 - Topic: **Encouraging Dry Cleaners to switch from PERC to Professional Wet Cleaning**
 - Description: NYSP2I will explain how it is working to reduce the garment cleaning industry's use of perchloroethylene (PERC) by promoting the use of environmentally friendlier technology.
- 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM – Prof. Steve Yergeau, Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) at Rutgers University
 - Topic: **Barnegat Bay Coastal Initiatives**
 - Description: Programs to improve water quality of Barnegat Bay will be discussed. Highlights include assisting homeowners to develop sustainable landscapes and towns to control nitrogen pollution.
- 2:10 PM – 2:30 PM – Michele Bakacs, Rutgers Cooperative Extension at Rutgers University (732) 398-5274
 - Topic: **Organic Land Care Program - Development, Curriculum, Requirements & Lessons Learned**
 - Description: The Program goal is to educate landscapers on organic practices for promoting healthy soil, enhancing biodiversity, and reducing polluted runoff from managed landscapes.
- 2:35 PM – 2:55 PM – Michele Bakacs, Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) at Rutgers University
 - Topic: **Safe Practices for Urban Gardening – The Garden Guardian Program**
 - Description: This RCE and New Brunswick Community Partner Unity Square collaboration is a bilingual program that educates the Latino community on reducing their exposure to contaminated garden soil.

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- 9:55 AM – 10:00 AM – Opening Remarks by John Filippelli, Division Director of the Clean Air and Sustainability Division at US EPA Region 2
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Venetia Lannon, Regional Director, NYSDEC – Region 2
 - Topic: **Transforming the South Bronx Waterfront into a Sustainable, Climate Resilient Community**
 - Description: NYSDEC will explain how this project is helping local businesses identify and implement cost-effective strategies aimed at pollution prevention, toxics reduction, and climate adaptation.
- 11:15 AM – 11:35 AM – Patricia Rector, Rutgers Cooperative Extension at Rutgers University
 - Topic: **River-Friendly Businesses – Certification Program**
 - Description: This program helps businesses meet objectives and adopt practices in four areas; storm water management, water conservation, lawn maintenance and wildlife management.
- 11:40 AM – 12:00 PM – Patricia Rector, Rutgers Cooperative Extension at Rutgers University
 - Topic: **Rutgers Environmental Stewards (RES) Program**
 - Description: The RES Program is an adult educational program that creates an educated citizenry who contributes effectively in finding solutions for environmental problems in their communities.
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM – Prof. Christopher Obropta, Water Resources Program (WRP) at Rutgers University
 - Topic: **Urban Extension Efforts in Water Resources: Helping Communities Become Climate Resilient**
 - Description: This presentation will discuss the Rutgers Cooperative Extension WRP's outreach efforts in New Jersey to reduce storm water runoff from impervious surfaces in CSO and MS4 communities.
- 2:10 PM – 2:40 PM – Prof. Xenia Morin, NJ Institute for Food, Nutrition and Health, Rutgers University
 - Topic: **“Putting Food Waste in Its Place!” – Addressing Food Waste in New Jersey**
 - Description: This presentation will discuss how preventing and collecting food waste could impact pollution prevention as well as household nutrition and budgets.

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- 9:55 AM – 10:00 AM – Opening Remarks by John Filippelli, Division Director of the Clean Air and Sustainability Division at US EPA Region 2
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Alan Someck, New York State Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NYSRAEF)
 - Topic: **How New York Restaurant Owners are “Greening” their Operations**
 - Description: NYSRAEF describes its Green Training to apply strategies to reduce water and energy use, shift to less toxic cleaning and pest control methods, and support increased restaurant profitability.
- 11:15 AM – 11:50 PM – Dr. Mariano J. Savelski, Dr. C. Stewart Slater, & Ms. Brigitte Pastore, Rowan University
 - Topic: **Green Engineering: Solvent Waste Reduction in the Manufacture of Specialty Chemical Resins**
 - Description: A life cycle assessment case study by Rowan University has evaluated green engineering strategies for DuPont to reduce N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone waste in resin precursor manufacture.
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM – Andrew Goldstein and Bonnie Lawrence, Erie County
 - Topic: **Creating a Sustainable Business Roundtable in Western New York**
 - Description: A progress report on Erie County and Empire State Development’s effort to create a viable Western NY business roundtable that assists members in implementing their own Sustainability Plans.
- 2:10 PM – 2:40 PM – Prof. Amy Rowe, Rutgers Cooperative Extension at Rutgers University
 - Topic: **Rutgers Veterans Environmental Technology and Solutions Program**
 - Description: This presentation will discuss the progress Rutgers has made in helping veterans gain skills in sustainable landscaping, storm water management, urban agriculture and entrepreneurship.